## Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## <u>Listing of Claims</u>:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled)

10. (New) A driver restraining system in a motor vehicle, comprising:

an airbag which is integrated into a steering device; and

a control unit whose input signals comprise a signal of a crash detection sensor system and a signal of a passenger compartment which has at least one seat position detector and a sensor system for sensing morphological data of a driver of the vehicle; wherein,

in the event of a crash, positioning of the steering device and a triggering decision about unfolding of the airbag and an unfolding characteristic of the airbag are determined by the control unit; and

in the event of a crash, the control unit adaptively actuates a motoroperated seat adjustment device of a driver's seat.

11. (New) The driver restraining system as claimed in claim 10, wherein the sensor system for sensing morphological data of the driver has at least one weight sensor, which is integrated into the driver's seat and which is a component of a seat occupation detector.

- 12. (New) The driver restraining system as claimed in claim 10, wherein the sensor system for sensing morphological data of the driver has at least one sensor which determines a size of the driver and which senses a position of the driver's head.
- 13. (New) The driver restraining system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the sensor for determining the position of the driver's head is arranged in the region of the inner roof lining of a vehicle or of a headrest, the sensor being embodied as a capacitive sensor.
- 14. (New) The driver restraining system as claimed in claim 10, wherein, in the event of a crash, the motor-operated seat adjustment device sets a vertical position and an axial position of seat elements, including a seat lower part, a backrest and a headrest, as a function of signals of the control unit.
- 15. (New) The driver restraining system as claimed in claim 10, wherein the passenger compartment sensor system has a sensor for sensing a distance of the driver from a steering wheel of the steering device.
- 16. (New) The driver restraining system as claimed in claim 15, wherein the sensor for sensing the distance of the driver from the steering wheel is arranged on an exit flap of the airbag.

- 17. (New) The driver restraining system as claimed in claim 15, wherein the sensor for sensing the distance of the driver from the steering wheel comprises a capacitive sensor.
- 18. (New) The driver restraining system as claimed in claim 10, wherein, in the event of a crash, the control unit actuates a belt pretensioning device.
- 19. (New) The driver restraining system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the sensor system for sensing morphological data of the driver has at least one sensor which determines a size of the driver and which senses a position of the driver's head.
- 20. (New) The driver restraining system as claimed in claim 11, wherein, in the event of a crash, the motor-operated seat adjustment device sets a vertical position and an axial position of seat elements, including a seat lower part, a backrest and a headrest, as a function of signals of the control unit.
- 21. (New) The driver restraining system as claimed in claim 12, wherein, in the event of a crash, the motor-operated seat adjustment device sets a vertical position and an axial position of seat elements, including a seat lower part, a backrest and a headrest, as a function of signals of the control unit.

- 22. (New) The driver restraining system as claimed in claim 13, wherein, in the event of a crash, the motor-operated seat adjustment device sets a vertical position and an axial position of seat elements, including a seat lower part, a backrest and a headrest, as a function of signals of the control unit.
- 23. (New) The driver restraining system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the passenger compartment sensor system has a sensor for sensing a distance of the driver from a steering wheel of the steering device.
- 24. (New) The driver restraining system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the passenger compartment sensor system has a sensor for sensing a distance of the driver from a steering wheel of the steering device.
- 25. (New) The driver restraining system as claimed in claim 13, wherein the passenger compartment sensor system has a sensor for sensing a distance of the driver from a steering wheel of the steering device.
- 26. (New) The driver restraining system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the passenger compartment sensor system has a sensor for sensing a distance of the driver from a steering wheel of the steering device.

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- 27. (New) The driver restraining system as claimed in claim 16, wherein the sensor for sensing a distance of the driver from the steering wheel comprises a capacitive sensor.
- 28. (New) The driver restraining system as claimed in claim 11, wherein, in the event of a crash, the control unit actuates a belt pretensioning device.
- 29. (New) The driver restraining system as claimed in claim 12, wherein, in the event of a crash, the control unit actuates a belt pretensioning device.